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SUBJ: GSL OFFICIAL STATEMENT WELCOMES "PRG VICTORY"

ACTING PRIME MINISTER MAITRIPALA SENANAYEKE ISSUED THE
FOLLOWING STATEMENT

APRIL 30 THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF
DEFENCE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS:

QUOTE:

I HAVE JUST RECEIVED NEWS OF THE CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES
IN SOUTH VIETNAM AND THE VICTORY OF THE FORCES OF THE
PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT.

IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT THE UNITED FRONT IN ITS ELECTION
MANIFESTO OF 1970 CALLED FOR THE RECOGNITION OF THE PRO-
VISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM. ONE OF
THE FIRST ACTS OF THE UNITED FRONT GOVERNMENT IN THE SPHERE
OF FOREIGN RELATIONS AFTER IT CAME INTO POWER IN MAY 1970
WAS TO ACCORD THIS RECOGNITION.

IT HAS BEEN THIS GOVERNMENT'S POSITION THAT THE PROVISIONAL
REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT SYMBOLIZED THE HOPES AND
ASPIRATIONS

OF THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH VIETNAM AND REPRESENTED THEIR TRUE
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SPIRIT. WE THEREFORE WELCOME THE NEWS OF THE VICTORY OF

FORCES OF THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT AND THE
DAWN OF AN ERA OF PEACE
IN A REGION WHICH HAS SEEN
CONFLICT AND SUFFERING FOR MORE THAN THREE DECADES.

IT IS OUR EARNEST WISH THAT THE PEOPLE OF THIS RAVAGED
COUNTRY WILL ENJOY THE FRUITS OF PEACE. WE ARE CONFIDENT
THAT THE SAME STRENGTH OF WILL AND COURAGE WHICH HAS ENABLED
THEM TO REGAIN THEIR TRUE INDEPENDENCE WILL MANIFEST ITSELF
IN THE YEARS OF RECONSTRUCTION THAT LIE AHEAD.

THE GOVERNMENT OF SRI LANKA HAS ALWAYS MAINTAINED THAT THE
PEOPLE OF VIETNAM SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO DETERMINE THEIR
OWN DESTINY FREE FROM FOREIGN INTERFERENCE AND THAT
THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND UNITY OF THE PEOPLE SHOULD BE
RESPECTED. THE TRIUMPH OF THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE NOW FINALLY
AFFORDS THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROGRESS IN PEACE TOWARDS THAT
GOAL. END QUOTE.
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